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“Has been Plus 3” wins 2007 Novice Quartet Competition



“Hasbeen plus 3”. From left, Don Kahl, Jack Larsen, judge chairperson Janell Barkley, score tabulator Betsy White, Elwin Jones, and Richard Zelnick.

When last we saw him, **Elwin Jones** was a happy man. He had just won first, second, and third place in the 2007 novice quartet championship at his church, and there was just enough of the excellent banana pudding that Pat made for Elwin to have another generous helping. **Jack Larsen** was in the top two quartets, but he couldn't sing with *the Leaders* who were third.

With 729 points in a four judge panel, *Has Been Plus 3* (**Don Kahl, Elwin Jones, Richard Zelnick, and**

Jack Larsen) won by 11 points over *Jack Splatt* (**Lamar Setliff, Elwin Jones, Steve Purdy, Jack Larsen**), with *The Leaders* (**Mark Hotchkiss, Elwin Jones, Jim Morris, Don Snow**) took third place.

Thanks to judges **Dianne Cox, Milana Dennis, Paula Steinsieck**, and Chairperson **Janell Barkley** for making the tough decisions during the competition. Thanks also to **Jenny Mercing and Betsy White** for serving as score tabulators and **Julie**

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Wolfe and Debbie Auld for managing the quartet pattern. Janell took her roll as Chairperson very seriously; she had a pre-contest meeting with all the contestants, judges and other officials, and at one point berated the emcee for not having someone put tape on the stage to show the quartet members where to stand. Paula is to be commended for serving our chapter despite the date being her birthday. Betsy even brought a cake with frogs on it to help in the celebration, but we noticed she took it away without even cutting it.

Lamar Setliff is the Quartet Activities Chairman and was therefore in charge of the entire affair, with help from Ken Zahrt who furnished the sound system, Larry Walton who was the House Administrator, Don Francis who coordinated the food, Richard Zelnick who kept all the information on the web site and took a lot of pictures, Karl Krebs for taking pictures, Pat Jones and the kitchen crew and Sandy McConnaughey who was a big help in setting up the tables. George Tribble did his usual job of emcee of the contest (sorry it could not have been better, but Jack Larsen complimented us saying "You did OK").



Second place quartet "Jack Splatt", Steve Purdy, Lamar Setliff, Betsy White, Jack Larson, and Elwin Jones



Chairman of judges Janell Barkley

Contest Participation Statistics

The contest in 2007 had 28 different participants in the 21 quartets. Eight individuals sang in one quartet with six of them singing their own part and two singing other parts. Four others were in two quartets with only one singing two parts. Six men were in five quartets as were five other men. Tim Copeland sang six times in three parts and Lamar Setliff and Paul Moore each were in seven quartets, each singing three different parts. Lamar sang tenor five times plus once each in Bari and Bass. The Bass part was in the Four Tenors and they sang the song a fifth



Third place "The Leaders", Don Snow, Mark Hotchkiss, Betsy White, Jim Morris, and Elwin Jones.

Flushback repeats as comedy division champions

Flushback, the comedy version of **Flashback**, was a repeat winner of the 2007 comedy quartet competition. There was, in fact, no competition since because of an outstanding performance last year, no other quartet dared to challenge them. They were again hilarious, doing a spoof with the music to Side

by Side, the thrust of which is a new wife was found to be made of a number of artificial members. We don't know where they got the spare parts, but the wig looked like the one they used last year, and the teeth looked suspiciously like **Karl Krieb's**.



higher than was written, but not because of Lamar's range, he could easily handle the bass as written, it was because the tenor's wanted to show off. Paul sang his part, lead, in five foursomes plus one Bass and one tenor.

The participation this year was up from last year's 16 regular and 3 comedy quartets. There were 29 singers, however, but that included 3 women and there were two sextets.

Flushback, Steve Purdy, Don Snow, Terry Mercing, and Ken Zahrt



QAC Lamar Setliff



Coming Events

- Sept 3 Holiday – No chapter meeting
- Sept 6 Paid performance at NLR Laman Library
- Oct 6 Family Banquet
- Oct 19 – 20 Fall Convention and Contest at Corpus Christi
- October ? Election of officers for 2008
- Nov 17 Chapter Officer Training School at Oklahoma City
- Dec 1 Barbershop or Bust Youth clinic at Wynne, AR.
- Dec 7 Christmas Show at First United Methodist Church in NLR
- Dec 7 Officer Installation and Family Banquet following above show
- Dec 15 Top Of The Rock Chorus Jingle Jam
- Feb 14, 2008 Singing Valentines
- Mar 28-29 Division Contest at Oklahoma City
- July 2-5 International Convention –Nashville
- July 18 Annual Show Tech Rehearsal
- July 19 Annual Show at UALR Auditorium
- Oct 24-26 District Convention and Contest at Little Rock
- Mar 27-28 Division Contest
- Oct 23-25 District Convention and Contest at Little Rock



A special “frequency” award was presented by **Betsy White** to **Paul Moore** and **Lamar Setliff** for singing in seven quartets, using lilies that had been borrowed from a cemetery.

Year 2007 Leadership

Board Members:

President	Dick Muse
Secretary	Bob Cox
Treasurer	Rip Ripley
VP Music	Tim Copeland
VP Devel/Mktg	Bruce Dabbs
VP Membership	Terry Mercing
VP Program	Todd Tucker
Board	Richard Zelnick
Past President	Elwin Jones

Music Team:

Music Director	Don Snow
Associate Director	Terry Mercing
Director Emeritus	Terry Mercing

Section Leaders:

Tenor	Ken Zahrt
Lead	?
Asst	Mark Hotchkiss
Bari	Steve Purdy
Bass	Terry Mercing

Audition Coordinator Terry Mercing
 Librarian

Committee Chairmen:

Show	Mercing/Jones
Scholarship	Keith Kellum
Valentines	Lou Anderson
Quartet Activities	Lamar Setliff

Special Assignments:

Performance Coord.	Lou Anderson
Uniform Manager	Elwin Jones
Bulletin Editor	George Tribble
Chapter Historian	George Tribble
Web Master	Richard Zelnick

District/Society Officers:

Internat. Membership	Terry Mercing
SWD VP Events	Lou Anderson

DSC Counselor Tom Rush